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30th CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF PRIVATE SECTOR JOB GROWTH

On September 7, the Department of Labor released the [August 2012 Jobs Report](#). For the 30th month straight, our economy created new private sector jobs. With more Americans back to work, our economy is moving in the right direction but there is more work to be done. Which is why Congressman Becerra has continued to push for the

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jobs plan to create good paying jobs and strengthen the middle class. Here's a look at the employment situation in America:

- Between December 2007 and December 2009, nearly 8.9 million Americans lost their jobs through no fault of their own.
- Over the past 2 and a half years, over 4.6 million new private sector jobs have been created.
- Last month alone, private businesses hired 103,000 new employees. Four years ago in August, our economy lost 294,000 private sector jobs.
- The national unemployment rate dropped from 10.1 percent, at the peak of the recession, to 8.1 percent last month.
- In California, the unemployment rate has also dropped – from a high of 12.4 percent in February of 2010 to 10.7 percent in July of this year.

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SHORT TAKES – WASHINGTON, D.C.

REP. BECERRA VOTES AGAINST KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD ON JOB CREATION AND DEFICIT REDUCTION

On September 14, the Republican majority in the House of Representatives voted to pass legislation (H.R.6365) that replaces the upcoming sequestration budget cuts called for in the Budget Control Act of 2011. Rep. Becerra, [a former member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction](#), voted against the legislation and released the following statement:

“Here we go again. After supporting the Budget Control Act last year, House Republicans are once again walking away from their own votes. As a member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, I made clear my disappointment in our missed opportunity to find a bipartisan, balanced proposal for job creation and deficit reduction. And I still believe the American people deserve better than indiscriminate cuts to important programs, which is one of the reasons I voted against the Budget Control Act in the first place. However, Congress cannot continue to shirk its responsibility; it must find the courage to make the tough choices. Outsourcing its duty is no way to govern.”

SHORT TAKES – LOS ANGELES

REP. BECERRA URGES DREAMERS TO BE READY FOR DEFERRED ACTION

On August 7 at a [press conference in downtown Los Angeles](#) , Rep. Becerra, Rep. Karen Bass (CA-33), and Rep. Judy Chu (CA-32) along with USCIS and community organizations, urged young people who believe they are eligible for relief from deportation through deferred action to prepare for the application process which began August 15. Leaders cautioned applicants to avoid providers of fraudulent services as they seek assistance with the application and seek help from trusted community and legal organizations.

[Click here to view video from the press conference.](#)



REP. BECERRA VISITS WEST ADAMS PREP

On August 29, Rep. Becerra visited West Adams Preparatory High School in Los Angeles. Rep. Becerra visited a U.S. government class and welcomed students back during the first few weeks

of the new school year.



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REP. BECERRA VISITS CHIRLA

Rep. Becerra visited the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) offices on August 29. CHIRLA is one of the leading community organizations in Los Angeles helping DREAMers apply for deferred action in order to receive relief from deportation and work for the country they love and call home.

